Subject: Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools Program Update #8

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Greetings Wisconsin EANS Program Participants and Interested Parties,

This email provides updates related to EANS allocations for schools, allowable expenses, and some program management details.

Updated EANS allocations are available on the **DPI website**.

As required in Federal law, allocations are based primarily upon school-level enrollment for 2019-20. For preliminary allocations, the base student-level rate was \$480. We have been able to increase that base rate to \$495 for final allocations.

Federal law also requires that states prioritize services or assistance to private schools that enroll low-income students and are most impacted by COVID-19. Wisconsin is committed to serving all schools in the EANS program and accordingly all accepted schools receive Federal funding. Here's generally how allocations are determined:

- 1) the base rate for a school is the total 2019-20 enrollment x \$495;
- 2) The amount increases 2x based upon the percentage of low-income students in the school (i.e., low-income students contribute 2x \$495 for the school).
- 3) We set aside 20% of available EANS Funds to distribute to schools in regions most impacted by COVID-19. To determine the impact of COVID-19 on schools, we used data from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to determine the average incidence rate of COVID-19 by district over the time period of October 2020-May 2021. If that rate met or exceeded the state average rate (8%) over the same time period, the school receives an additional contribution to its allocation. We equally distributed the set-aside (approximately \$15.4 million) to schools that qualified, based again on total enrollment.

At this time we consider these allocations final.

We have updated the allowable expenses document on the <u>DPI website</u>.

Fields that have been added or updated are highlighted in yellow.

As noted in Tuesday's webinar, when considering different situations, we focus on whether an expense results in a capital improvement and whether the requested expense addresses the impact of COVID-19.

As noted when we first sent out the spreadsheet, this is a compilation of topics we have heard in questions from you. It is also a work in progress. If there are specific items you think are missing, you may email <u>EANS@cesa6.org</u>.

EANS program management now shifts more directly to CESA 6.

Now that allocations have been released and the direct service and reimbursement processes are open, you will likely hear more from CESA 6 and less from DPI regarding the EANS program. In particular, questions pertaining to direct services, or past or future reimbursements, should go to CESA 6.

CESA 6 did send an email earlier this week to let schools know that the email you received indicating that Anne Kirk was sending you a document via PandaDoc is a legitimate request to gather ACH and W-9 information so that CESA 6 may process reimbursement requests in a timely manner. The email was sent to the point of contact identified in your school's EANS application. The request may be forwarded if you need someone else in your school to provide the required information.

As a reminder, CESA 6 has hosted a number of helpful webinars to provide information about the EANS program. If you haven't been able to participate, recordings are available. You can also access the presentation slides if it would be easier for you just to scan through those.

- May 26 recording: Reimbursements: Process for Claiming Prior and Future
 - o <u>Presentation Slides</u>
- May 11 recording: Direct Service Support
 - Presentation slides
- April 20 recording: Utilization of Funds Reimbursements & Direct Services Process
 - Presentation slides
- April 6 recording: program introduction
 - o Presentation slides

We encourage EANS Program schools to **bookmark the <u>CESA 6 EANS webpage</u>**, as this will be an important starting point for all reimbursements and to access direct services from your CESA.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please email <u>EANS@cesa6.org</u>.

Regards, Laura

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